

**ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Policy Committee Meeting**

A G E N D A

**September 27, 2018
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

RONDOUT MUNICIPAL CENTER

(Joint Rosendale/Marbletown Town Hall -- Former Rosendale Elementary School)
1915 Lucas Avenue
Cottkill, NY 12419

→→→NEW LOCATION Room C-6←←←

Enter on Rosendale Town Hall Side

- 1. Policy Committee Call to Order – Welcome, Introductions & Roll Call (10:00am)**
- 2. Call for Citizen Comments**
- 3. Approval of the June 12, 2018 and July 24, 2018 Policy Committee meeting summary**
- 4. Communications and Announcements**
- 5. New Business**

- a) **UCTC Resolution 2018-16: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New NYSDOT Rail Crossing Safety Upgrade Projects Under PINs 893244, 893245, 893295, and 893296 as Shown in Attachment 1.** NYSDOT has requested to add various project PINs to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program in order to program four rail crossing upgrades using Highway Safety Improvement Program Rail funds. These projects utilize Federal transportation funds which are required to be programmed on the TIP. Resolution 2018-16 programs PIN 8893244: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Grant Avenue, Town of Ulster; PIN 893245: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Leggs Mill Road, Town of Ulster; PIN 893295: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Glasco Turnpike, Town of Saugerties; PIN 893296: Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades at Peoples Road, Town of Saugerties.

Refer to page 4 of the agenda supplement for a listing of public comments received.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2018-16, review any public comments submitted, and consider adoption (10 minutes).

- b) **UCTC Resolution 2018-17: Amendment to the UCTC Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add a New Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Award for the City of Kingston under PIN 876207 as Shown in Attachment 1.** The City of Kingston and NYSDOT has requested to add project PIN 876207 to the UCTC 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program in order to program pedestrian safety improvements at various locations in the City of Kingston awarded under the NYSDOT 2017 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) call for projects. Each location for improvement was proposed by the City with extensive input and review from UCTC and NYSDOT. This project utilizes Federal transportation funds which are required to be programmed on the TIP; under PSAP, no local match is required; award utilizes 100% federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds.

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No public comments were received in regard to this action.

Recommended Action: Discuss Resolution 2018-17, review any public comments submitted, and consider adoption (10 minutes).

- c) **Resolution 2018-18: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.** This resolution seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 formula funds in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). This action is a routine occurrence that takes place after the FTA apportions 5307 funds to the TMA (UZA 89) and NY and NJ come to an agreement on a fair and rational sub-regional allocation. FTA Section 5307 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs): the UCTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and Dutchess Transportation Council (DCTC). The three Councils must first agree to the TMA allocation prior to distributing the transit funds to their respective designated recipients. The OCTC and DCTC must approve similar resolutions. For FFY 2018, Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit) will receive an allocation of \$589,763. Private commuter bus carriers in Ulster County (ADK Trailways) will receive \$2,455,047.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2018-18 and consider adoption (10 minutes).

- d) **Resolution 2018-19: Apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Formula Funds in the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area.** Resolution 2018-19 seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 formula funds in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). These funds stem from federal authorizations to the TMA (UZA 89) under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program. FTA Section 5339 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs): the UCTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC), and Poughkeepsie-Dutchess Transportation Council (PDCTC). The three Councils must first agree to the TMA allocation, prior to distributing the transit funds to their respective designated recipients. The OCTC and PDCTC must approve similar resolutions. For FFY 2018, Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit) will receive a total of \$443,626.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2018-19 and consider adoption (10 minutes).

- e) **Resolution 2018-20: Distribution of the FFY 2017 Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Small Urbanized Area Apportionments Attributable to the Kingston Urbanized Area.** This resolution seeks approval for the apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 formula funds to the two designated recipients in Ulster County: City of Kingston (Kingston Citibus) and Ulster County (Ulster County Area Transit). For FFY 2017, \$197,122.96 is available to DRs in the Kingston Urbanized Area. The two DRs have agreed that 100% of the funds will be allocated to Ulster County for various capital purposes.

Recommended Action: Discuss the Resolution 2018-20 and consider adoption (10 minutes).

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6. UCTC Project Updates

- a) **Presentation on the Ulster County Road Safety Assessment Project.** Initiated in 2017, this effort sought to examine road segments and intersections in Ulster County known to experience high crash rates. The goal of the study was to develop low cost solutions that could potentially mitigate crash rates at selected locations. Objects included examining roadway characteristics, preparing a crash history profile, and developing short, medium and long term engineering solutions, enforcement activities and safety education that could mitigate the situation. Roadway segments examined included Rte 299 in the Town of New Paltz; Rte 32 in the Town of Saugerties and Rte. 212 in Woodstock. VHB Engineering was contracted to assist UCTC staff in the execution of the work and were closely assisted by UCTC staff, local stakeholder advisory groups, and NYSDOT Safety engineers. VHB and UCTC staff will provide an overview of project approach, findings, and next steps.

Presentation followed by question and answer session (45 minutes).

7. Other/Old Business

- a) **2019 UPWP Call for Planning Projects.** Call for projects is now open; deadline December 7. Visit <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/transportation-council/unified-planning-work-program> for application and instructions.
- b) **UCTC 2017 Transportation Improvement Program – Block Program Bridge and Paving PINs.** Staff will provide members with a summary of recent TIP administrative modifications under these two block PINs.
- c) **CMP and Regional Transit Plans Update.** These projects are ongoing. Regional transit plan has been titled “Mid Hudson Connect” and can be viewed online at <https://www.connectmidhudson.com/>
- d) **2019 Meeting Schedule:** UCTC staff proposes scheduling standing meetings on the third Thursday of every month beginning January 2019.

7. Adjournment.

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Agenda Supplement

**Public Comments Received RE: UCTC Resolution 2018-16:
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Improvement Program (TIP) to Add New NYSDOT Rail Crossing Safety Upgrade Projects
Under PINs 893244, 893245, 893295, and 893296 as Shown in Attachment 1.**

Received 9/4/18

Ulster County Transportation Council
c/o Brian Slack
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Kingston NY 12402-1800

Dear Brian—

Supervisor Costello asked me to provide comments to you on Draft Resolution 2018-16 insofar as it concerns the railroad improvements planned for Saugerties. Those improvements concern the Glasco Turnpike crossing and the People's Road crossing.

These are certainly necessary improvements, and the Town of Saugerties welcomes this TIP and the plans to address them. At the same time, it seems appropriate to comments on other crossings in Saugerties where no improvements are planned.

The Malden Turnpike crossing exhibits similar choppiness for vehicles and could benefit from an evaluation to see if an improvement similar to those planned for Glasco and People's Road might be duplicated.

The main crossing into and out of the village at Ulster Avenue suffers from poor execution and causes considerable discomfort for occupants of vehicles crossing it. The problem could be fixed by reducing the "lip" or level of asphalt on either side and creating a smoother transition particularly on the east side of the rail. Trucks and pickups are particularly vexed by its unevenness, and even cars often have to stop before proceeding.

We realize that this crossing is compromised by an uneven grade, but certainly some changes could be made to enhance traffic flow in the process.

There are in addition seven private crossings in the Mt. Marion area that have not been addressed despite numerous appeals over the years by the Town of Saugerties. It behooves us to mention these troublesome situations partly because of the fatalities that have occurred at three of them. Sooner or later, either these have to be upgraded to full crossings or an auxiliary road added running parallel to the railroad on the east side gathering these locations for a single exit where Tissol Road was rebuilt; that was the plan some years ago, and it still remains a viable one.

Very sincerely yours,

Vernon Benjamin
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